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REMARKS

This submission is intended to comply with the revised format described in the official notice signed January 31, 2003.

By this amendment applicant cancels without prejudice claims 1-2, 4, 7, 9-10, and 14; amends claims 3, 5-6, 8, 11-13, and 15-29; and adds new claims 30 through 55. Further applicant amends the drawings and the specification.

Explanation of Changes to the Specification.

Changes to the specification are documented by marked-up versions of the corrected paragraphs submitted herein. The changes to the specification in paragraphs 17, 138, and 140 are minor grammatical changes. The changes to the specification in paragraphs 125, and 135 are made to correct the reference numerals referred to in the drawings to more accurately correspond to the numerals shown on those drawings. The Applicants, by their attorney, hereby state that no new matter has been added by the present amendments to the specification.

Explanation of Changes to the Figures: FIG. 1, FIG. 12, FIG. 14A, FIG. 15A.

FIG. 1 is amended to overcome the Examiner's objection to the drawings on page 2 of the Office Action of March 22, 2004. The reference characters 122, 124, 130, 132, 134, 135a, 135b, 136, 138, and 142 have been labelled in an appropriate descriptive manner consistent with the specification as originally filed. In particular, the Examiner is referred to paragraphs 78 through 94 of the specification. The Applicants, by their attorney, hereby state that no new matter has been added by the present amendments to FIG. 1.

FIG. 12 is amended to correct the reference characters description and clarify the interconnection of reference boxes. In FIG. 12, reference numeral 384 is changed from EverDesk setup to Program Setup, and reference numeral 348 is changed from EverDesk tools to Program Tools. In addition, a reference arrow has been inserted between the boxes of reference numerals 330 and 350. These corrections and clarifications are supported by the specification as originally filed. In particular the Examiner is referred to paragraphs 122 through 136. The Applicants, by their attorney, hereby state that no new matter has been added by the present amendment to FIG. 12.

FIG. 14A is amended to clarify the action taken when a NO response is executed in the flow chart diagram at reference step 438. In FIG. 14A a reference arrow has been inserted between reference step 438 and letter B. This clarification is supported by the specification as originally filed. In particular the Examiner is

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referred to paragraphs 139 through 140. The Applicants, by their attorney, hereby state that no new matter has been added by the present amendment to FIG. 14A.

FIG. 15A is corrected to change the reference numeral 521 to reference numeral 531. This change is made to make consistent the discussion of reference numeral 531 as described in the specification as originally filed with FIG. 15A as currently amended. This correction is supported by the specification as originally filed. In particular, the Examiner is referred to paragraphs 141 through 145. The Applicants, by their attorney, hereby state that no new matter has been added by the present amendment to FIG. 15A.

Examiner Interview.

Applicants Attorney acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's courtesy in conducting an Examiner's interview on August 24, 2004. The office action of March 22, 2004 was discussed. The distinctions between Applicants invention and the disclosures of the Moon et al., Beletic et al., and Venkatraman et al. references were pointed out and proposed amendments to the claims were presented and discussed to distinguish the Applicants' invention over the prior art of record. It is intended that the present claim amendments embody the results of those discussions by incorporating the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

The claim amendments.

In the remaining pending claims, the following new claims and current amendments have been made. New claims 30 through 55 have been added and claims 3, 5-6, 8, 11-13, and 15-29 have been amended too more specifically address and incorporate herein all the points and topics discussed with the Examiner during the Examiner's Interview. The new claims and the currently amended claims are supported by the above-identified application as originally filed and add no new matter. In response to the Examiner's suggestion during the Examiner's Interview, the new claims and the currently amended claims attempt to distinguish those steps and elements of the claims that are performed with input from a user from those that are performed without input from a user. The word automatically is recited in Claim 30 in response to the Examiner's suggestion. The general folder structure recited in claim 30, represents a folder structure as set forth throughout the specification including in particular paragraph 75. The recitation of regardless of the application type in the claims, as in Claim 30 is supported throughout the application, including in paragraphs 17, 30, and 100. The recitation of activity folder in the claims is supported throughout the application, including in particular paragraphs 73 and 74.

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The drawing objections stated at page 2 are overcome by the present amendments to FIG. 1.

The claim objections stated at page 2 and 3 are overcome by the filing of the new claims and the current amendments to the claims.

Claims 1-8, 11, 13, 17-26, and 28-29 were rejected at page 3 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by Moon et al. U.S. patent 6,088,696 (Moon et al.). As discussed at Examiner's Interview, the applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention of the above-identified application is not described in the Moon et al. Patent. Rather the Moon et al. Patent describes an invention in which the file module defines plural directories for storing data files (Moon col. 1, line 62) and this file module directly stores received electronic mail as data files in select directories based upon the type of electronic mail received (Moon col. 1, lines 61-67). In Moon, each directory is associated with a certain file format. The Moon patent describes an invention where the electronic mail received is placed in select directories **based upon the format of the received electronic mail** (Moon col. 2, lines 14-18; col. 4 lines 28-33). Further, the Moon patent describe that access to the selected directories in which the data files are stored by format requires using the select application program with the corresponding format. (See Moon col. 2, lines 19-22; col. 4, line 66 through col. 5, line 2). Additionally, as described in the Moon patent, when the received mail consists of files of more than one format the mail is stored in **more than one** select directory (Moon col. 4, lines 28-33), and to access the complete set of files of the received mail requires separately accessing several different directories (Moon col. 4, lines 66 through col. 5, line 2). Accordingly as described in Moon, a user of the Moon invention is required to view and access a plurality of disassociated directories to view or access all parts of an email.

Applicant respectfully submits that in applicants claimed invention when a communication is received comprising one or more files of one or more application type, the files are is stored in the same activity folder regardless of the application type (Applicants' claim 30). This folder, the activity folder, of applicants' claimed invention is defined not by the format of the communication data received like in Moon et al., but by how the files are related according one or more criteria which can be user-defined. Accordingly, a user of applicants' claimed invention need only view and access a single folder to view and access all parts of a communication. Applicants respectfully submit this is a substantial advantage not described in or anticipated by the Moon et al. patent. Further, the Moon et al. invention does not describe Applicants' claimed invention of manipulating a communication of one or more files of one or more different application types from within the same folder. Applicants respectfully submit this is an additional substantial advantage not described or anticipated in the Moon et al. patent. The new and amended claims of the above-identified application as presented distinguishes the applicants' claimed invention

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from that described in the Moon et al. patent and therefore applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable.

Claims 9-10, and 14 were rejected at page 12 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by Moon et al. Although Applicants submit that the claimed invention of claims 9-10 and 14 are not obvious in view of Moon et al. because Moon does not teach or suggest storing and accessing a communication of multiply parts regardless of the application type within the same folder. The Applicants respectfully cancel without prejudice claims 9-10, and 14.

Claim 12 was rejected at page 14 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by Moon et al. in view of Beletic et al. U.S. Patent 6,088,696 (Beletic et al.). Applicants submit that the currently amended claimed invention of claim 12 is not obvious from Moon et al. in view of Beletic et al. for at least the following reasons.

First, Moon et al. does not teach or suggest storing or manipulating from a single folder one or more files of a communication regardless of application type of the file. Rather Moon teaches and suggests away from this aspect of the claimed invention. Moon et al. teaches and suggests away from this. In Moon et al. the storing and accessing of an email communication having files of more than one application type occurs in multiple directories where the files are stored or accessed in the multiple directories according to the file's application type.

Second, Moon does not teach or suggest the claimed invention of storing or manipulating from a single folder related one or more files regardless of application type where the files are related according to variable criteria that can be user-defined.

Third, there is no suggestion from either the Moon et al. reference, or the Beletic et al. to combine these references. Additionally, for the reasons stated above and those regarding Moon et al., even if the two references were read together, the combination of the references does not teach or suggest to make the various changes to the configurations and structures to arrive at applicants' claimed invention as recited in the new and amended claims presented herein. Therefore applicants submit that amended Claim 12 is allowable on the basis that new and amended claims of the above-identified application as presented distinguishes the applicants' claimed invention from that taught or suggested in the Moon et al. in view Beletic et al.

Claim 15-16, and 27 were rejected at page 15 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by Moon et al. in view of Vnekatraman et al. U.S. Patent 6,014,688 (Vnekatraman et al.). Applicants submit that the currently amended claimed invention of claims 15-16, and 27 are not obvious from Moon et al. in view of Vnekatraman et al. for reasons similar to those cited above regarding Claim 12. In addition to those reasons stated that Moon et al. does not teach or suggest applicants'

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claimed invention alone. Applicants respectfully submit that there is no teaching or suggestion from either the Moon et al. reference or the Vnekatraman et al. reference to combine these references. Moreover even if the references are read together, the combination of references do not make obvious the numerous changes to the combination which would result in applicants' claimed invention as recited in the new and amended claims presented herein. The new and amended claims of the above-identified application as presented distinguishes the applicants' claimed invention from that taught or suggested in the Moon et al. in view of Vnekatraman et al. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION


Applicants believe that this submission responds fully and adequately to the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action of March 22, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the claims as amended and pass the present application to allowance. If there are any questions or the Examiner has any further suggestions or comments, please direct them by telephone to the unsigned attorney of record.

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) John Cabeca (3) Gerry Elman, Attorney of Record
 (2) Ting Zhou (4) Oskar Karash, Inventor
 Date of Interview August 24, 2004 (5) Michael O'Shaughnessy, project manager assignee comp

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☐ Televideo Conference ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, brief description: Applicant's EverDesk software demonstrated on a notebook computer.

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-8, ~~22-26~~ 22-26 and 30-42

Identification of prior art discussed: Maon et al. (6,088,696)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed proposed amendments to the claims in an attempt to overcome the prior art of record (Maon et al.). The Examiner will make a determination as to whether or not the amendments will overcome the prior art of record when formal amendments are filed and received.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

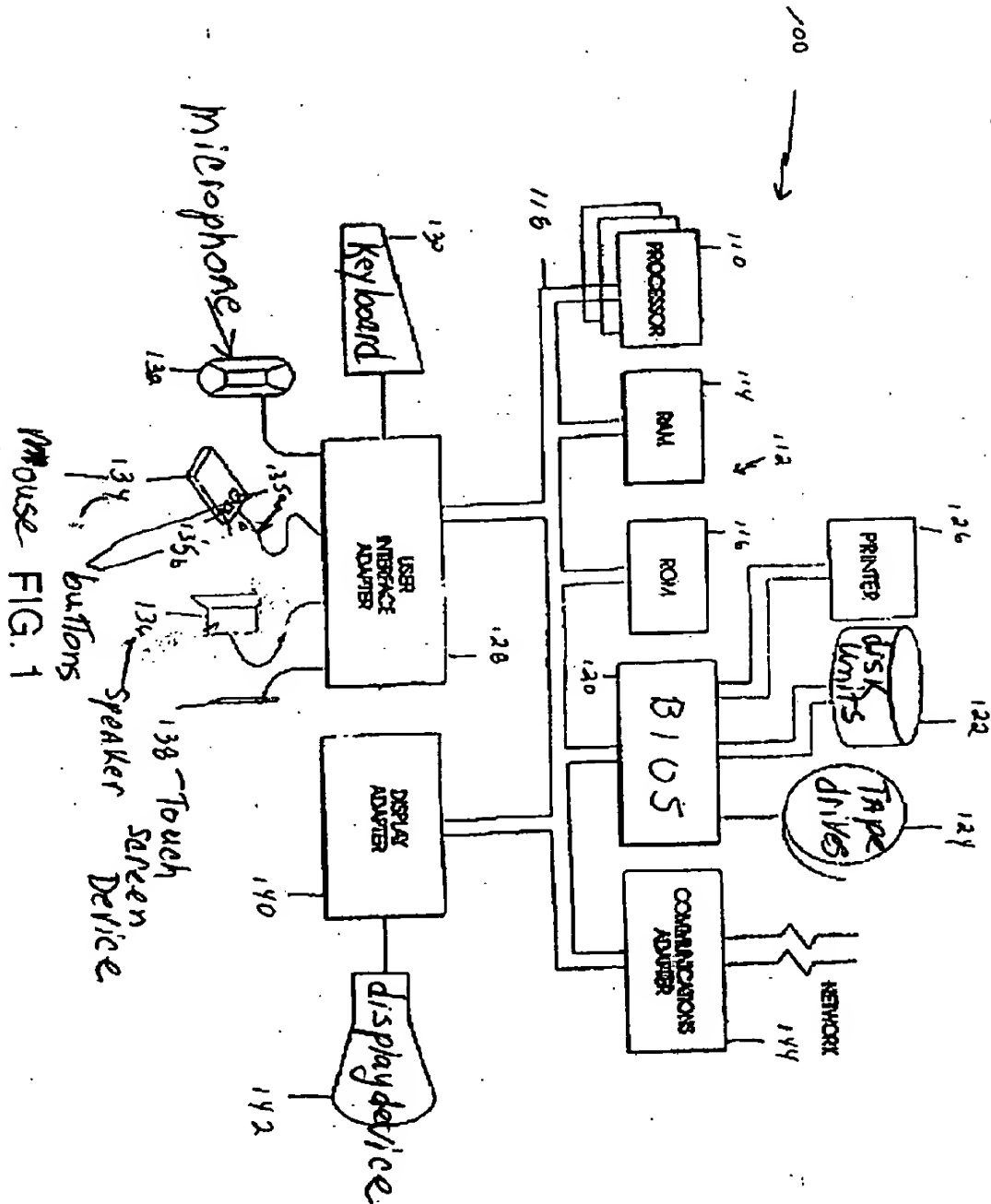
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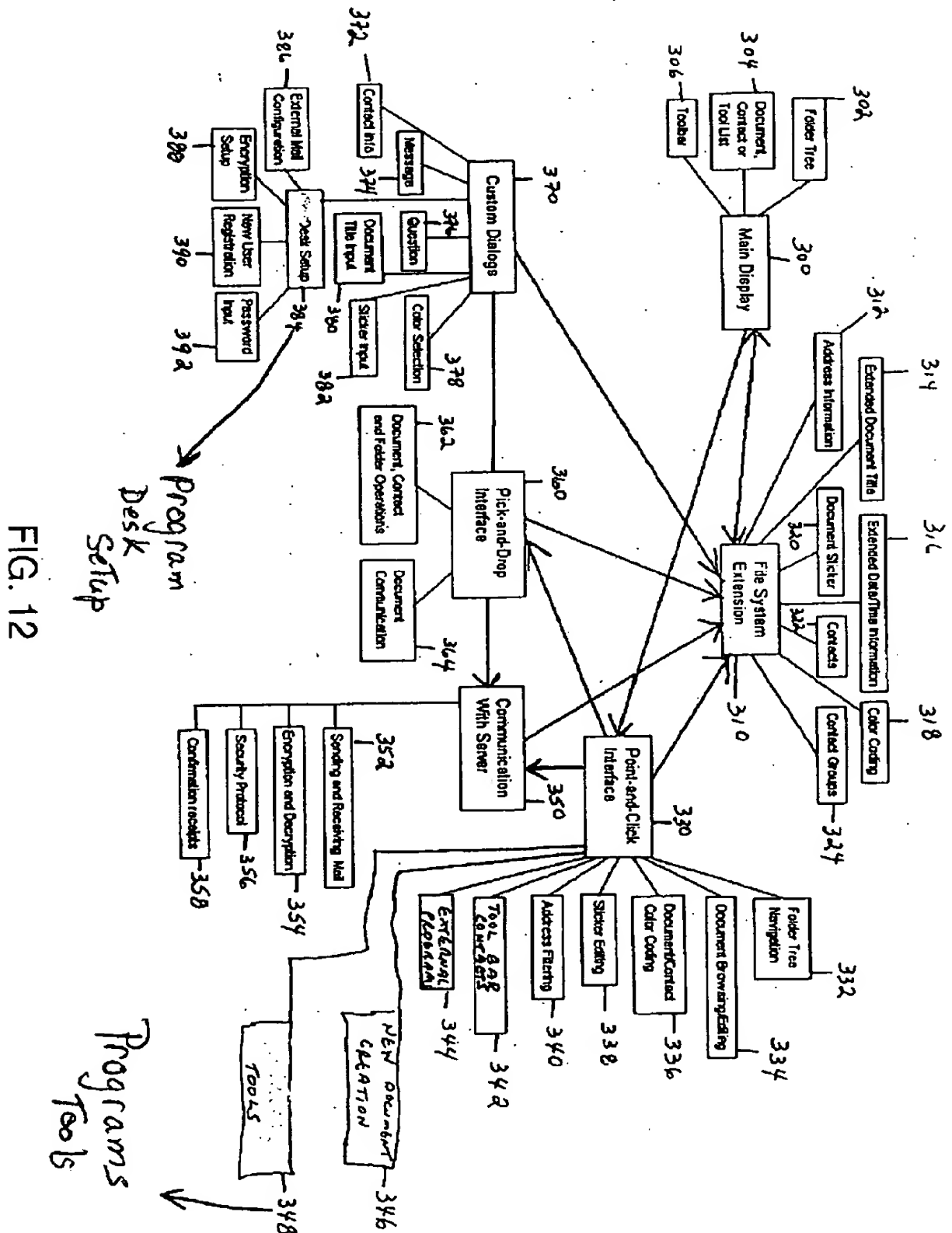
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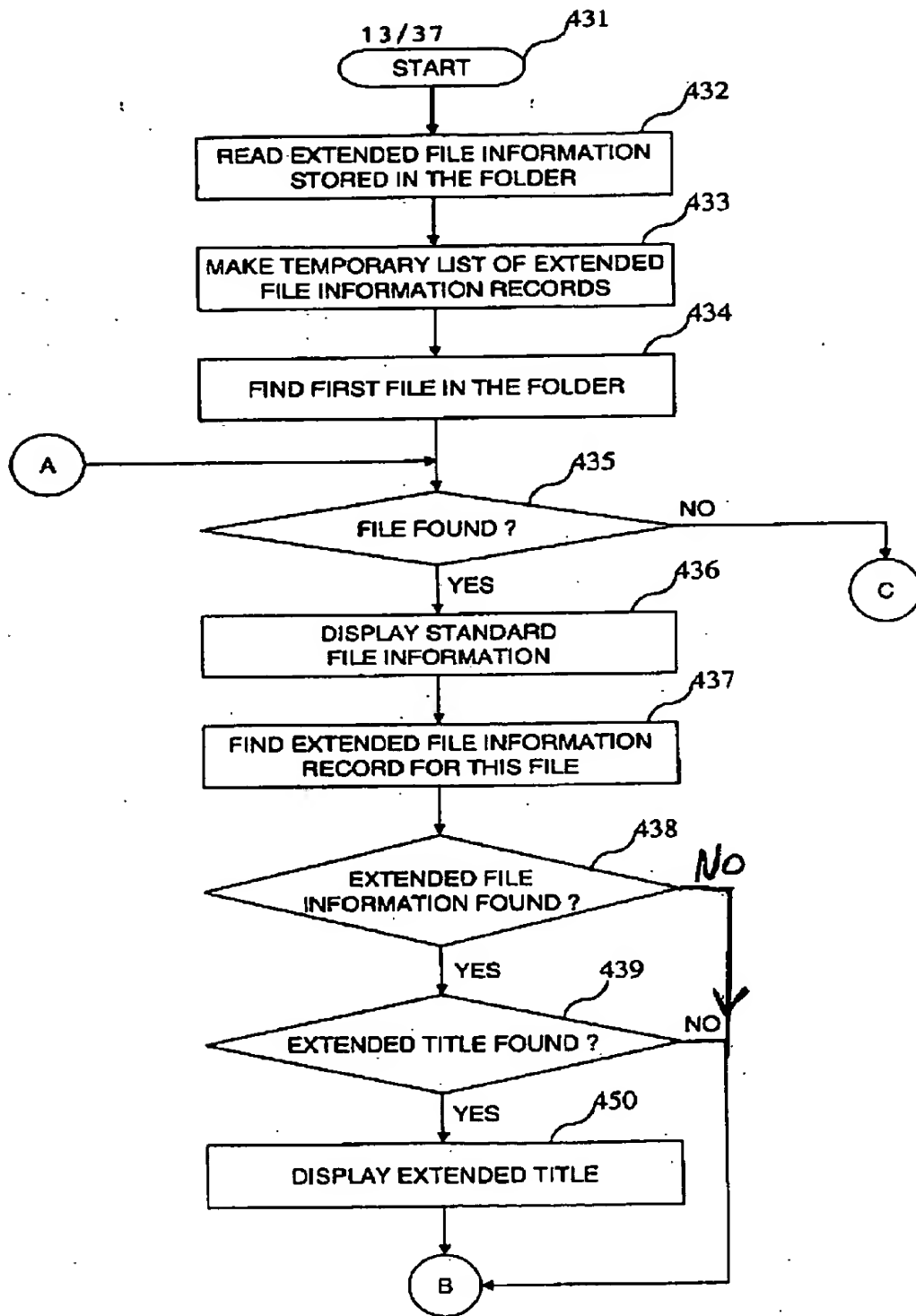


Fig. 14A

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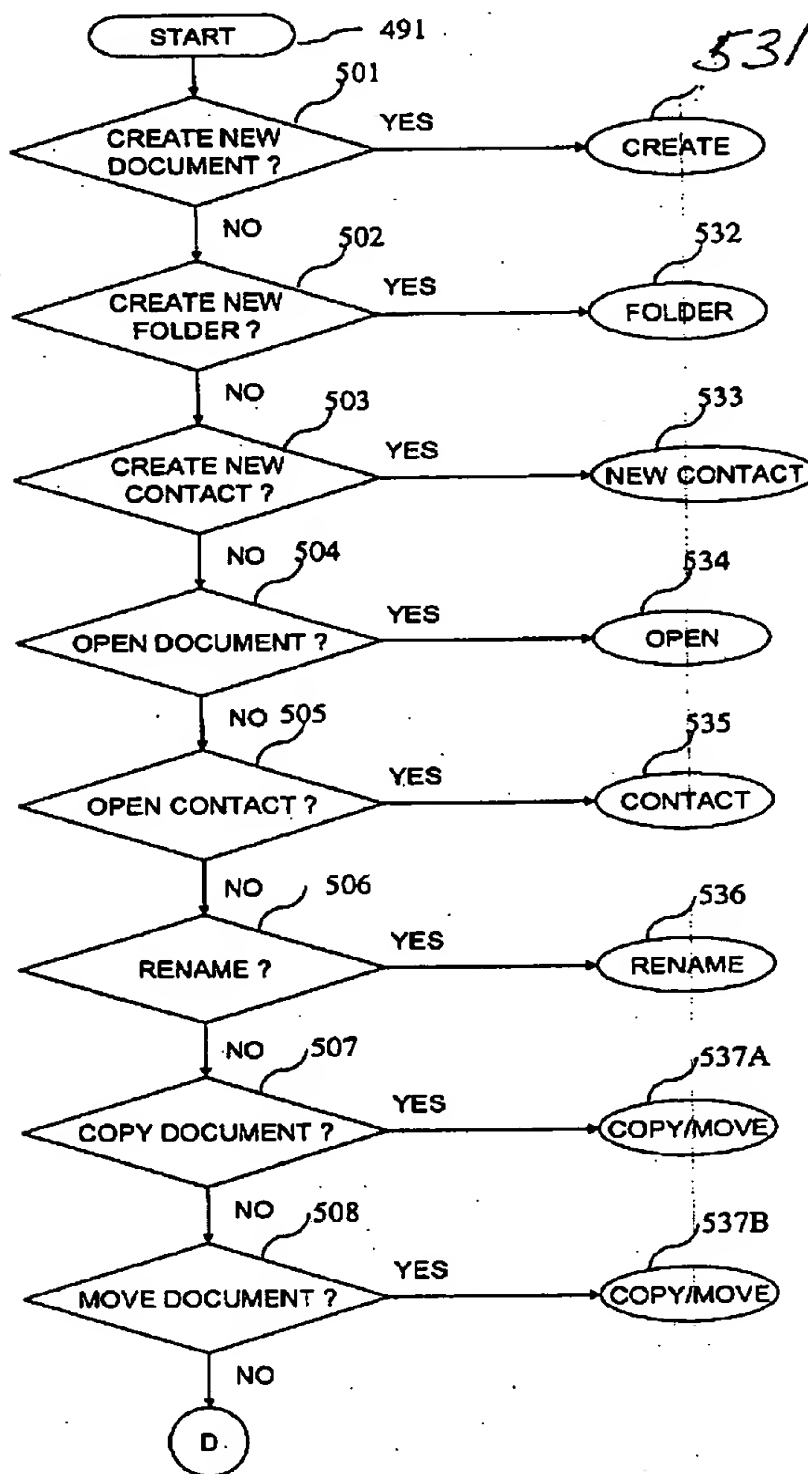


Fig. 15A